

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 12, 2005 in connection with the above captioned case.

Restriction Group Election

Applicant elects Group I with traverse.

Applicant respectfully requests that Group II, encompassing claims 5, 13, and 14, be rejoined and examined with Group I. Applicant points out that the claims of Group II encompass additional species of the compositions of Group I. Specifically, the claims of Group II are the same compositions as those of Group I, but require the further addition of urethane. This additional requirement of urethane does not render the claims of Group II an independent and distinct invention, as required for restriction, but rather it renders the claims of Group II additional species of the generic compositions encompassed by the claims of Group I. The Examiner correctly points out that the two species (with and without urethane) are distinct because the former compositions are useful other than to make the final product. This analysis, however, merely proves that the compositions are distinct species of a single invention, not an independent and distinct invention. Furthermore, as the Examiner points out, the prior art search encompasses the same patent classes and subclasses. Therefore, examining both species will not be unduly burdensome. Accordingly, rejoinder and examination is respectfully requested.

Species Election

With respect to the election of a hydrophilic polymer species for examination, Applicant elects polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) without traverse.

With respect to the election of a pharmacological additive species, Applicant elects silver protein, without traverse.

In view of the foregoing, early and favorable consideration of the application is respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to call him.

Please charge any deficiency, any extensions of time for responding as required, or any other fees which may become due at any time during the pendency of this application, or credit any over payment of such fees to deposit account no. 50-0369.

Respectfully submitted,



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